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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 31 March - 4 April 2003

Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **16 April 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

Future Planning Calendar:

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **22 April 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **4-5 June 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at State Department and CIA Headquarters.

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **31 December 2006:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **EO Mandatory Declassification Review**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **PIPD Receives EO MDR From Admiral Turner**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ The Public Information Programs Division (PIPD) at IMS received an EO Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) request from former DCI Stansfield Turner, who recently had been granted special access to his files under Section 4.4 of EO 12958 (Section 4.5 of original EO). That section, titled "Access by Historical Researchers and Certain Former Government Personnel," permits the CIA to waive the "need-to-know" restrictions on access to classified information to special categories of individuals, including those who "previously have occupied policy-making positions to which they were appointed by the President...." During his first visit (b)(3)
(b)(3) after receiving the special access, Admiral Turner identified two documents that he would like declassified, which have been turned over to the EO MDR team at PIPD to initiate the declassification review process. Admiral Turner's special access was granted in response to his request for "my personal files accumulated during my tenure as DCI from 1977-1981 ... (and) ... the files that were originally stored at the Washington Navy Yard ... that were removed by the CIA about 18 months ago."

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **FOIA Requests**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **National Security Archive Submits Request on Activities of California Microwave Systems, Inc. in Colombia**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ Frequent requester, National Security Archive, seeks documents relating to the activities of California Microwave Systems, Inc. (CMS) in Colombia and documents generated as result of the emergency landing of a small plane carrying CMS employees in February. Two men from the plane (one a CMS worker, the other a Colombian military officer) were allegedly executed by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Three remaining CMS employees were subsequently taken hostage by FARC. The requester claims CMS is a division of Northrop Grumman and specializes in imagery, communications, and electronic intelligence.

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ **Federation of American Scientists Seeks Unclassified DCIDs**

~~(U//**ATUO**)~~ The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) submitted a detailed request seeking "a copy of all unclassified Director of Central Intelligence Directives (DCIDs) that have been issued or reissued in the past two

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years. DCIDs that have been rescinded or superseded are outside the scope of this request. DCIDs that are properly classified are outside the scope of this request. However, unclassified DCIDs that are marked 'for official use only' are within the scope of this request." FAS requests CIA waive production fees. FAS indicates they plan to publish the released documents on the DCID web page of their website.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) The Search Goes on for "Anastasia," Grand Duchess of Russia

(U//~~ATUO~~) A French citizen claiming to be the granddaughter of "Anastasia Tschaikowsky, AKA Anna Anderson, AKA Anastasia Manahan," submitted a request under the FOIA asking for general information and proof of familial affiliation. The requester states her grandmother claimed to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia, daughter of Russia's last Tsar Nicholas II.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~ATUO~~) CDC Hosts State Department Officials

(U//~~ATUO~~) Five officials from the Department of State visited the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) [REDACTED] on 3 April where they received an overview of CDC's Remote Archive Capture (RAC) program. State is the only major agency not participating in the RAC program. After the meeting, the State representatives indicated they would carry back to their policymakers an urgent requirement that State join the program.

- *The CIA is executive agent for the RAC program, which scans material at Presidential libraries, sorts images according to the agency with the most significant equity, and makes the images available for online review at CDC's review sites. The RAC system allows tracking of all documents through the review process, performance of detailed and secure electronic review, and a convenient system for return of reviewed documents to each presidential library. The RAC program has proven an effective means of resolving multiple equities in large numbers of documents.* [REDACTED]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From The Archive: Who's on First at the Kremlin

(U//~~ATUO~~) A January 1976 CIA chart from the Ford Library comments on Soviet party members likely to replace the 69-year-old Leonid Brezhnev (then believed to be in poor health) as General Secretary of the Communist Party and Soviet leader. KGB chief Yuri Andropov, then 61, was assessed as being an "unlikely [candidate] in a period of detente, given the KGB connotation." Detente, however, suffered from the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. In his book *For the President's Eyes Only*, author Christopher Andrew states that in late 1982, "[DCI] Casey sent President Reagan a prescient assessment of the contenders for the Soviet succession. 'As for me,' he wrote, 'I bet Andropov on the nose and Gorbachev across the board.' Brezhnev died in November 1982 and was replaced by Andropov. His ascension to the leadership of the Soviet Union was greeted in the Western Press--as noted derisively in a 2002 Wall Street Journal article by former DCI James Woolsey-- "as someone who was going to reform the Soviet Union because he drank Scotch and listened to jazz." But, Andropov died in February 1984, only to be replaced by the ailing Konstantin Chernenko, who subsequently expired in March 1985 and was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev. Neither Andropov nor Gorbachev made the 1976 list containing 24 names of potential successors.

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